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SUBJECT: PRIMIN VISIT TO U.S.

FOR ARA/LA/CAR - JOHN BURKE

REF: CURACAO 373

1. PM EVERTSZ WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY
FINANCE MINISTER DE KORT. PM HAS BEEN HOBbled IN INTERNATIONAL
DEALINGS BY HAVING TO CARRY WITH HIM A MEMBER OF THE ARUBA
DELEGATION WHEREVER HE GOES. THIS IS ONE OF THE DEMANDS
OF THE MEP ARUBA TO SUPPORT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT.
THE TRIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY NOT BE IN
THE PROVINCE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE BUT HE IS GOING
AS A WATCHDOG OVER ARUBAN INTERESTS. THE GNE DELEGATION
WILL NO DOUBT USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ITS TAX
PROBLEMS (THUS THE ADDITIVH WTHENRIQUEZ). ARTURO J.
JESURSN, WHO HAS TEMPORARILY TAKEN OVER THE GNA INFORMATION
SERVICE, AND WHO SEEMS TO VIEW IT AS THE REAL CENTER OF POWER
DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER, IS
TRYING TO CREATE AN INSTITUTION THAT WILL FUNCTION IN
THIS MANNER. JESURUN HAS ALSO EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO
VISIT WITH ANY PERSON WHO IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION
MIGHT PROVIDE HIM ADVICE ON THE NEW ORGANIZATION OF THE
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GNA INFORMATION SERVICE.

2. CONGEN IS OF FIRM OPINION PRIME MINISTER EVERTSZ HAS NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES IN EXPRESSING HIS DESIRE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT NIXON. CONGEN HAS TRIED TO DISCOURAGE PM FROM MAKING THIS REQUEST IN LIGHT OF PRESSURES ON WHITE HOUSE AND SHORT TIME INVOLVED. IF IT COULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A BRIEF COURTESY VISIT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PM WOULD RAISE ANY SUBJECTS EMBARRASSING TO WHITE HOUSE AND OF COURSE IT WOULD BE A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION AND PRIDE.

3. IN HIS ORIGINAL VISIT TO THE CONGENIJSURUN EMPHASIZED THE HISTORICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN NA AND US, POINTING OUT THE WELL KNOWN FIRST RECOGNITION OF U.S. INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN MADE BY SAINT EUSTATIUS. CONGEN'S RESPONSE WAS THAT THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WOULD PROBABLY BE A MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DISCUSS THIS THAN WOULD BE THE WHITE HOUSE. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO ALTER THAT OPINION AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT A WARM RECEPTION BY CHAIRMAN OF BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WOULD BE THE LEAST THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO KEEP THE NA DELEGATION HAPPY.

4. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON VISIT ASAP IN ORDER THAT PM CAN BE INFORMED.
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